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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF DC PRESIDENT MORO

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1. AFTER ONE WEEK OF SILENCE, THE KIDNAPPERS OF CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DC) PRESIDENT RESURFACED MARCH 25 WITH THE
RELEASE OF THEIR SECOND BULLETIN. THE TWO-PAGE DOCUMENT, WHICH
WAS ISSUED SIMULANEOUSLY IN ROME, MILAN,
TURIN, AND GENOA, SUGGESTS THAT MORO IS STILL ALIVE BY INDICATING
THAT QUOTE THE INTERROGATION OF ALSO MORO IS CONTINUING
END QUOTE.

2. THE IDEOLOGICAL CONTENTS OF THE BRIGATES ROSSE'S LATEST DOCUMENT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE CONTAINED IN THE FIRST DOCUMENT, AND THE EXPERTS ARE APPARENTLY CERTAIN THAT THE ORIGINAL TEXT WAS TYPED ON THE SAME TYPEWRITER AS THE FIRST BULLETIN, AS THE KIDNAPPERS SAID IT WOULD BE . ASIDE FROM CONFIRMATION THAT MOROIS STILL ALIVE, THE LATEST BULLETIN CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST:

1. IT STATED THAT THE BRIGATE ROSSE HAD ACTED ALONE IN THE KIDNAPPING, THUS CONTRADICTING EXTENSIVE SPECULATION THAT THEY WERE ASSISTED BY FOREIGNERS. THE BULLETINL NOTES THAT FROM THE BEGINNING THE BRIGATE ROSSE HAVE FOLLOWED THE MAOIST PRINCIPLE OF COUNTING ONLY ON ONE'S OWN FORCES.

2. THE DOCUMENT HAS A SHARP ATTACK AGAINST THE QUOTE PARTY OF BERLINGUER AND THE COLLABORATING TRADE UNIONISTS END QUOTE.

3. IT DRAWS ATTENTION TO QUOTE THE INTERNATIONAL OR TERRORISM END QUOTE WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS SECRET SERVICES. THE SERVICES WHICH ARE NAMED ARE THOSE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, WEST GERMANY AND ISRAEL ALL OF WHICH ARE REPORTED TO HAVE INVADDED ITALY TO AID IN THE SEARCH FOR MORO'S KIDNAPPERS. THE AMERICAN SECRET SERVICES, ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT, HAD NO NEED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICIPATE IN THE INVASION SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN PRESENT IN ITALY SINCE 1945.

3. THE AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT INDICATED ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE KIDNAPPING. ROAD BLOCKS ARE STILL PRESENT ON MANY OF THE HIGHWAYS LEADING OUT OF ROME, WHILE SEARCHES ARE TAKING PLACE IN A NUMBER OF AREAS OF THE COUNTRY IN RESPONSE TO LEADS WHICH THE POLICE ARE RECEIVING.

4. ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK OCCURRED IN TURIN ON MARCH 24 INVOLVING THE FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY AND THE PRESENT DC CITY COUNCIL GROUP LEADER GIOVANNI PICCO. THE DC OFFICIAL WAS AMBUSHED ON THE STREET AND SHOT IN THE LEGS AND ARMS. THE BRIGATE ROSSE HAVE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK.

5. COMMENT. THE DELIVERY OF THE LATEST BULLETIN INDICATES HOW THE BRIGATE ROSSE ARE STILL ABLE TO OPERATE AT WILL. ONE COPY WAS LEFT WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FEET OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF IL MESSAGGERO, THE ROME DAILY WHICH WAS THE RECIPIENT FOR THE FIRST BULLETIN. GARDNER

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